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SUBJECT: EC IMPORT LICENSING FOR SEEDS

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1. DURING SEPTEMBER 3 CONVERSATION WITH EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS, AMBASSADOR WENT OVER US OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT REGULATION ON SEEDS. LARDINOIS WAS NOT FAVORABLY DISPOSED BUT DID NOT SEEM FULLY INFORMED ON STATUS OF DRAFT. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS SEPTEMBER 7, MISSION OFFICERS WERE TOLD BY DG-1 OFFICIALS THAT DRAFT REGULATION IS NOW ON ICE, AS RESULT OF DG-1 INTERVENTION. ON SEPTEMBER 8 CORNELIS DRIESPRONG, DIRECTOR FOR SPECIALIZED CROPS IN DG-6 GAVE FURTHER BACKGROUND TO COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS. ACCORDING TO DRIESPRONG, DG-1 POSITION HAD BEEN THAT IMPOSITION OF IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM ON SEEDS COULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ON GATT DISCUSSION OF MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES AND LICENSING SYSTEM ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. DG-1 ADVICE HAD BEEN TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF SEED REGULATION UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF GATT ACTION. DG-VI AGREED, WITH INTENTION TO RESUBMIT PROPOSAL AT

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THAT TIME.

2. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE IMPOSITION OF
LICENSING SYSTEM ON SEEDS IN CONVERSATION WITH COMMISSION
OFFICIALS HERE. WE DO NOT THINK THAT APPROACHES NEED TO BE
MADE TO MEMBER STATES AT THIS TIME. HINTON

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